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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - JUNE 28

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE
EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR JUNE 28, 1978.
FYI ONLY, SPOKESMAN TODAY WAS HODDING CARTER III.

Q. ANYTHING ON THE 500 CUBAN SOLDIERS WHO ENTERED SOUTH
YEMEN RECENTLY?
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A. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THAT.

Q. IS MONDALE'S ITINERARY IN JERUSALEM FINALIZED?

A. I UNDERSTAND THERE'S GOING TO BE A BRIEFING ON THE
VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP EARLY THIS AFTERNOON. I THINK THE
BEST SOURCE ON THAT IS AL EISELE'S OFFICE, THE PRESS
SECRETARY FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT. THAT WOULD BE THE
PLACE TO GO.

Q. IS IT STILL OUR POLICY, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO PERSONS,
AMERICAN OFFICIALS DON'T VISIT EAST JERUSALEM WITH AN
ISRAELI ESCORT?

A. AS AN OFFICIAL VISIT?

Q. YES.

A. THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING.

Q. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL

TESTIFYING ON AFRICA THE OTHER DAY ON THE HILL SAID THE STATE DEPARTMENT DOESN'T CONSIDER THE PLO TO BE A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION. IS THAT CORRECT? DO YOU KNOW THE TESTIMONY I'M REFERRING TO?

A. I WAS TOLD ABOUT IT SHORTLY BEFORE COMING IN HERE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE SOME DISCUSSION OF IT UP ON THE HILL TODAY. I WOULD RATHER TAKE THE QUESTION AND AWAIT THAT.

Q. YOU MEAN, THERE WILL BE SOME TESTIMONY DISCUSSIONS?

A. I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE SOME DISCUSSION UP THERE BY STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES.
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Q. SINCE HE'S AN AFRICAN SPECIALIST, I DIDN'T KNOW IF HIS TESTIMONY SHOULD BE TAKEN AS THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW.

A. LET ME SAY THAT I'M NOT GOING BEHIND THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT, OR ANYTHING OF THE SORT. I WOULD RATHER AWAIT THIS OTHER APPEARANCE AND DISCUSSION UP THERE.

Q. I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BUT IT'S JUST POSSIBLE THAT WHEN WE GET THAT TESTIMONY IT WON'T SAY WHETHER THE OFFICIAL WAS ON HIS OWN. SO THAT QUESTION I'D LIKE YOU TO TAKE. WAS HE ON HIS OWN WHEN HE SAID THE PLO IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION?

A. I THINK MR. HARROP WAS TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, I MEAN AS HE ALWAYS DOES. I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO GO MUCH BEYOND THAT RIGHT NOW.

I THINK IT WAS A QUESTION HAVING TO DO WITH UGANDA AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF PLO REPRESENTATIVES USING UGANDAN PASSPORTS, AS I RECALL IT. THE QUESTION AROSE AS TO HOW WE CHARACTERIZED--AND I DON'T HAVE THIS IN FRONT OF ME--THE PLO. AND THERE WAS THEN AN EXCHANGE, WHICH I DO NOT HAVE IN FRONT OF ME, AND I JUST HESITATE TO TRY TO COMMENT ON IT.

Q. THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER CRITICIZED PRESIDENT SADAT'S SUGGESTION FOR RETURNING THE WEST BANK TO JORDAN AND THE GAZA TO EGYPT, AND HE VIEWED THEM AS PRE-CONDITIONS. DO YOU SHARE THAT VIEW WITH THE ISRAELIS?

A. WHAT WE SHARE IS THE DESIRE TO GET THE PARTIES TO
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NEGOTIATING DIRECTLY AND NOT, FRANKLY, TO ENGAGE IN ANY
KIND OF CONVERSATION AND CHARACTERIZING THESE PARTICULAR
PROPOSALS.

Q. HOW ABOUT PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER BEGIN IN
NEW YORK?

A. I WOULD SIMPLY AIM YOU AWAY FROM THAT, THOUGH YOU
MIGHT ASK THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED ABOUT IT. I KNOW
NOTHING OF SUCH A MEETING.

Q. DO YOU STILL HAVE ONLY THE OUTLINES FROM EGYPT OR HAVE
SOME EDGES BEEN ADDED?

A. THEY HAVE NOT. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE FULL
PLAN.
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